

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
April 11, 2019 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

All members were present.

First on the agenda was Treasurer Kitty Shepherd asking for permission to pay out comp and vacation time to her previous employee from last year. Treasurer Shepherd had recommended her employee speak to HR, where she was told she wasn't entitled because she was Chief Deputy. Bob Willhite made a motion to table the discussion until more information is learned. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Salsman spoke on behalf of Jerry Shepherd about a training exercise between Jennings County EMA and the ARMY. Jerry is requesting approval from the Commissioners to participate in the exercise and allow him to sign the agreement. County Attorney Ellie Bright did not see an issue with it. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow Jerry Shepherd to sign the agreement to participate. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Tracy Thompson came before the commissioners with a renewal lease for building 5 at the Fairgrounds. The lease is a 3-year term between the Jennings County Commissioners and Tracy L. Thompson, Inc. and/or GHN Leasing for \$3,200 paid in full. Start date of lease is May 1, 2019 and end date, April 30, 2019. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the lease agreement. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Tracy then brought forward information regarding a vehicle for Veterans Services. Veterans Services has been looking for another vehicle. Tracy supplied the Carfax report on a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT for a price of \$15,500 to the Commissioners. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle contingent upon council finding funding. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Kelly Hatton with the Jennings County Youth Foundation came before the Commissioners with plans for a Boys & Girls Club. The JCYF has been planning for a Boys & Girls club for four years. They received a grant from the Indiana Youth Institute for Strategic Planning and Assessment. The JCYF were then told they weren't ready, so they took the next two years to prepare. A community survey was done, 86% of adults and 80% of youth agreed on the need for a centralized youth center. The JCYF developed a new mission, partner with a broad network of organizations that support the identified needs and interests of youth in the community. Currently the JCYF is on step 6 of 10, to organize an advisory council. Step 7 would be to secure a location. Step 8 would be to determine costs. Step 8 would be done in three phases, property acquisition, facilities construction, and facilities operations. The JCYF has applied for a Community Block Grant. If the grant were awarded to Jennings County, 18 months would be given to complete the project. A city or government agency is required as lead applicant. The grant proposal rough draft is due May 3 with the final draft being due on June 28. Jerry Lamb has offered his help with the property research. There are a few potential properties, but more research is needed before making a decision. Bob Willhite made a motion for the county to join the advisory council. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Matt Sporleder volunteered to serve as a member.

Jim Reeves presented the facility lease between the Jennings County Board of Commissioners and the United States of America. The lease was made and entered April 12, 2019 for rent of the Jennings County Fairgrounds. The period of the lease will begin on April 15, 2019 and go through June 5, 2019 for the amount of \$35,000. Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the contract. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Reeves also asked for permission from the Commissioners to take bids for ADA work on the Government Annex Building. Bob Willhite made a motion to give permission to take bids. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Jim spoke on radios from the highway department. The highway department purchased new radios and Jim asked the Commissioners what to do with the old ones. The frequency of the radios would need to be changed before they could be sold. Matt Sporleder suggested Jim gather some more information before making a decision.

Next on the agenda involved a piece of county owned property on North Base Road that could potentially be sold. County attorney Ellie Bright will look into this further to see what the best way to handle this would be. Bob Willhite made a motion to sell the property. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Nicci Lucas, HR, presented the Commissioners with an opportunity for membership with Ceraland. Ceraland is offering a special discounted rate on their Annual Pass for Jennings County Employees. The Annual Pass includes free entry into the park, free usage of the Miniature Golf Course, Boat Rentals, Aquatic Center, Sports & Fitness Center, Rifle & Archery Range, and GO-Kart Track. Also included in the membership are discounts for camping and cabin rentals. The current Annual Pass is sold at \$500.00. Discounted rates are as follows:

1-49 employee passes	\$375.00
50-99 employee passes	\$325.00
100-199 employee passes	\$300.00
200 & Up employee passes	\$250.00

Ceraland would prefer payroll deductions for employees to pay their membership. Bob Willhite made a motion to give employees the option to join Ceraland. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next, Nicci Lucas spoke on the renewal insurance for the Jennings County fire departments. An 8-10% increase each year should be expected due to inflation. Totals for the renewals were broken down into three categories. Packages for the fire departments totaled \$46,991. Worker's compensation for the departments totaled \$6,352. Most claims come from workers compensation. Accident and sickness for the departments totaled \$14,958. The total policy renewal cost was \$68,301. The county only budgeted \$60,000 for the renewals. Three new vehicles were purchased by the fire departments, therefore raising the costs more. A suggestion would be to create an approval process the fire departments would need to follow before purchasing a new vehicle. Bob Willhite made a motion to go to the Council for additional appropriations in the amount of \$8,301 from LIT. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Matt Sporleder suggested sending each fire department a letter stating no more increases after the renewal is paid.

Lastly, Nicci brought forward a request from Recorder Mary Kilgore. The Recorder's office has to complete some required training. Mary Kilgore has asked for permission to hire part-time staff during the time of training. There is money budgeted for this in the recorders budget.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow hiring of part time staff. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Auditor Salsman then spoke on the cloud storage for the county. Eagle Point Technology currently has the county set up with 3.5 Terabytes at \$375/month for Carbonite. Rob Brehm, Director of IT services, had stated in an email that they are consistently running into issues with backups because the cloud storage space is inadequate. He would like to increase the storage to 7 Terabytes at \$625/month. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the increase in cloud storage. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Next Auditor Salsman requested Commissioner Matt Sporleder's signature on a letter of support of the Watch Communications participation in the Next Level Connections Broadband grant program.


Bob Willhite made a motion to sign and approve prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

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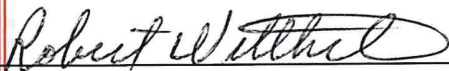
Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.



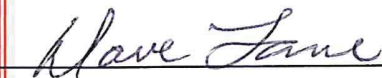
Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner